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Electricity

Severe Storm Knocks Out Power to 127,000 Hydro One Customers in Ontario June 8

A severe storm knocked out power to about 126,000 Hydro One customers in Ontario, Canada on Friday night. By 3:00 p.m. local time on Saturday, about 14,000 customers remained without power and the company indicated that perhaps 3,000 customers might remain without power for the night.

http://www.hydroone.com/en/media_centre/news_releases/2007_06_09_3pm.asp

Update: TVA's 1,155 MW Browns Ferry Nuke Unit 1 in Alabama Shut June 11

The unit was shut when a problem developed with an instrument that controls steam flow to the low pressure turbines. Unit 1, which reconnected to the grid on June 1 after 22 years, reached 100 percent of capacity on June 8.

<http://www.platts.com/Nuclear/News/7415790.xml?p=Nuclear/News&sub=Nuclear>

Bloomberg News, 10:34 June 11, 2007

Entergy's 967 MW River Bend Nuke Unit in Louisiana Ramping Up June 11

By early morning June 11, the unit was operating at 74 percent of capacity following an outage that began on May 22 when the water levels in the water circulation system dropped.

Bloomberg News, 09:58 June 11, 2007

Update: Wisconsin Energy's 518 MW Point Beach Nuke Unit 1 in Wisconsin at Full Power June 10

The unit returned to full power following an outage that developed when a valve malfunctioned on June 5.

Bloomberg News, 11:43 June 11, 2007

Bruce's 822 MW Bruce Nuke Unit in Ontario Shut June 8

Reuters, 10:50 June 11

Update: SCE's 525 MW Mountainview Gas-fired Unit in California Ramps Up June 8

As of June 8, only 30 MW of output was curtailed, down from 285 MW on June 7.

Bloomberg News, 19:07 June 8, 2007

Complete's 260 MW LaPaloma Gas-fired Unit 4 in California Shut June 10

Reuters, 10:50 June 11

NRG's 836 MW Limestone Coal-fired Unit 1 in Texas Shut June 8

The unit tripped off line when because of low furnace pressure.

Reuters, 19:32 June 8, 2007

ATCO's 378 MW Sheerness Coal-fired Unit 1 in Alberta Shut June 10

Reuters, 10:50 June 11

TransAlta's 279 MW Wabamun Coal-fired Unit 4 in Alberta Shut June 8

Reuters, 10:50 June 11

Update: Oman's Oil and Gas Exports Resume Over Weekend

Oman's oil and gas exports resumed over the weekend after they had been suspended since June 5 when Cyclone Gonu made shipping from Oman's ports impossible. According to an unnamed Omani official interviewed by the Kuwait News Agency, Oman's only oil export terminal, Mina Al Fahal, resumed oil exports on June 9. The terminal, which exports approximately 650,000 barrels of crude oil daily, resumed partial operations on June 8 but loading remained suspended as equipment was being tested. An Oman LNG official told Dow Jones Newswires that the country's Qahalt liquefied natural gas export terminal in Sur sent its first LNG tanker after the cyclone on June 10. The official said that the LNG facility, which exports 10 million tons of LNG per year, is at maximum production.

http://www.menafn.com/qn_news_story_s.asp?StoryId=1093156076

<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/oman-lng-full-production-sends/story.aspx?guid=%7B9B0061B0-9E11-464D-8B7A-9C5F669D1FF4%7D>

Rates Cut to Several Units at BP's 437,000 b/d Texas City, Texas Refinery June 8

According to a filing with Texas regulators, a compressor at a crude unit tripped offline and caused flaring at the refinery. BP reduced rates at several units to a minimum to minimize the amount of fuel gas generated.

<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/eer/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=92299>

Bloomberg News, 12:00 June 10, 2007

Reuters, 09:34 June 11, 2007

VOC Leak Detected at Valero's 260,000 b/d Port Arthur, Texas Refinery June 8

According to a filing with Texas regulators, a VOC leak was detected at Cooling Tower 136A during monthly routine sampling using the El Paso Method. It is suspected to be the result of a VOC leak from an exchanger at the fluidic catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) 1241. The company is working expeditiously to pinpoint the leak in order to have it repaired.

Reuters, 16:52 June 8, 2007

<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/eer/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=92282>

Hydrocracker Shut at Valero's 142,000 b/d Corpus Christi Refinery in Texas June 7

According to a report filed with state regulators, the unit was shut due to a problem with a pump on the debutanizer.

Reuters, 15:07 June 8, 2007

FCCU Compressor Restarted at Western Refining's 116,000 b/d El Paso, Texas Refinery June 10

On June 8, a severe thunderstorm caused an electrical power outage at the south plant, causing the gas compressor at the fluidic catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) to shutdown. The compressor restarted on June 10. The FCC unit was not shutdown while the compressor was repaired and restarted.

<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/eer/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=92318>

Reuters, 16:43 June 10, 2007

Bloomberg News, 16:52 June 10, 2007

Reformer Repairs at Alon's 67,000 b/d Big Spring, Texas Refinery May Shut Units June 11

According to reports by Reuters and Bloomberg News, the company is attempting to repair a leaking outlet pipeline without shutting down the reformer. When the reformer is down, the downstream hydrotreating units DHT, LDH, GOH, reformat splitter, and SLE and #2 SRU and sour water stripper unit would have to be shut down as well.

Reuters, 07:38 June 11, 2007

Bloomberg News, 11:42 June 11, 2007

<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/eer/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=92320>

Amine Unit Malfunctions at Delek's 58,000 b/d Tyler, Texas Refinery June 8

According to a filing with Texas regulators, the malfunction led to an emissions event.

<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/eer/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=92290>

FCC Unit Shut at Flint Hill's 288,000 b/d Corpus Christi Refinery in Texas June 8

According to a report filed with state regulators, the company shut the unit to repair cracks in a regenerator shell on the unit. According to Reuters, trade sources in the area indicate that the unit could be down for two to three weeks.

Reuters, 15:43 June 8, 2007

Possible Flaring Reported at Chevron's 270,000 b/d El Segundo Refinery in California June 11

In a filing to state regulators, Chevron reported that a possible flaring event occurred at the refinery during the early morning on June 11. The company indicated that the incident may only be a computer malfunction with no actual flaring taking place. The incident is under investigation.

Reuters, 08:41 June 11, 2007

Bloomberg News, 09:00 June 11, 2007

Update: Power Restored at ConocoPhillips's 44,000 b/d Santa Maria Refinery in California June 8

According to a statement by ConocoPhillips, power was restored late on Friday morning and the company was preparing to restart the refinery. By the morning of June 11, production had been restored according to a report from Bloomberg News.

Bloomberg News, 13:18 June 11, 2007

Reuters, 14:28 June 8, 2007

Calumet Planning Expansion to 57,000 b/d at its Shreveport Refinery in Louisiana

Calumet Specialty Products Partners announced that it plans to expand its 40,000 b/d refinery in Shreveport to 57,000 b/d. The company will add a crude unit, a hydrogen unit, diesel hydrotreater and other equipment according to a report in a local paper.

Bloomberg News, 16:08 June 10, 2007

Update: Nigerian Oil Workers Have Been Put on Notice to Join Nationwide Labor Strike Set for June 18

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/8096360.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

Abductions Force Indian Company to Evacuate All Expatriate Workers, Shut Petrochemical Plant in Nigeria

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/StoryPage/Print.aspx?Id=69f1d515-51d5-4fc7-9849-653050aeb3c0>

Travel Banned in Northern Nigeria Without Armed Escorts

Reuters, 10:56 June 11, 2007

Natural Gas

BLM Authorizes Up to 1,570 New Natural Gas Wells on Roan Plateau in Colorado

The Bureau of Land Management on June 8 authorized up to 1,570 new natural gas wells over the next 20 years on the Roan Plateau in western Colorado.

http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Information/newsroom/2007/roan_plateau_rod.html

http://www.examiner.com/a-771346~BLM_authorizes_up_to_1_570_new_gas_wells_on_Roan_Plateau.html

Other News

London Police Checking Petroleum Tanker Trucks Entering City for Bombs

London's Scotland Yard said that petroleum tankers and chemical trucks entering London are being stopped at police roadblocks in operations targeting a possible threat from terrorists using the trucks to deliver bombs. During a trial of confessed Al Qaeda operative Dhiren Barot, prosecutors claimed the suspect had plotted to ram prominent London landmarks with petroleum tankers packed with explosives. He also studied targets in New Jersey, prosecutors said, including the Prudential Building in Newark, New Jersey. Writing in a memo, Barot said that "ramming trucks ... straight through the glass front entrance into the lobby area" would be an effective bombing technique. New York Police Department used his case in a briefing to private security officials from Wall Street firms last autumn, warning of the threat from tanker bombs.

<http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/06/06/europe/EU-GEN-Britain-Police-Tanker.php>

http://www.metro.co.uk/news/article.html?in_article_id=52066&in_page_id=34

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/06/06/ntanker106.xml>

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices June 11, 2007			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	65.93	66.17	71.63
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	7.42	7.73	6.10

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Utilities Considering New 345 kV Transmission Line in Southern Vermont

<http://www.wcax.com/Global/story.asp?S=6635043&nav=4QcS>

Magellan Products Pipeline Terminals Undergoing Expansions

OPIS Price Watch Alert, 03:40 June 11, 2007

Iran's Oil Minister Says OPEC Not Planning to Release More Oil to Markets June 11

<http://www.localnewsleader.com/olberlin/stories/index.php?action=fullnews&id=121375>

ConocoPhillips Head Says 'Vast New Areas' Need to be Opened for Oil Production to Meet 40 Percent Growth in Demand Over Next 20 Years

<http://www.forbes.com/markets/feeds/afx/2007/06/11/afx3808049.html>

FERC Approves Spectra Energy Plans for the TIME II Gas Pipeline Expansion in Ohio and Pennsylvania

Reuters, 10:29 June 11, 2007

Oregon LNG Proposes 117-Mile LNG Pipeline from Columbia River to Northwest Pipeline Corp. System

<http://www.ktvz.com/Global/story.asp?S=6634745>

North Baja Pipeline's Proposed 2.75 Bcf/d Expansion Clears Final Environmental Hurdle

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FERC Approves Gulfstream's Plans for Enlarged Phase III Natural Gas Pipeline System Expansion in Florida

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FERC Approves WIC Plans to Build New Supply Lateral and Mainline Compression Facilities for Uintah Basin Production in Utah

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Energy Partners to Investigate 'Possible' Environmental Violations at East Bay Field in Gulf of Mexico

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<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/twip/twip.asp>

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Weekly Petroleum Status Report from EIA

http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html

Updated after 10:30 AM & 1:00 PM EST every Wednesday.

Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/ngw/ngupdate.asp>

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